AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (canceled).
- 2. (canceled).
- 3. (canceled).
- 4. (currently amended): A radial spherical crystallization product obtained by emitting a mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol and a solution comprising a sample component into a crystallization vessel through different flow channels to cause them to come in contact with each other as they are emitted into the crystallization vessel, wherein the sample component is a drug carrier, wherein the radical spherical crystallization product has a spherical shell with thorns projecting from said spherical shell, and wherein
 - (i) the flow rate of ethanol is ¼ of the flow rate of carbon dioxide,
- (ii) the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol is a poor solvent for the sample component, and
- (iii) a nozzle used to emit the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol, and the solution comprising the sample component is a v-shaped nozzle.
 - 5. (canceled).
 - 6. (canceled).
 - 7. (canceled).
- 8. (previously presented): The radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4, wherein the drug carrier is a sugar or sugar alcohol.

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- 9. (canceled).
- 10. (canceled).
- 11. (canceled).
- 12. (canceled).
- 13. (withdrawn/currently amended): A method for manufacturing a radial spherical crystallization product comprising injecting a mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol and a solution comprising a sample component into a crystallization vessel through different flow channels to cause them to come in contact with each other as they are emitted into the crystallization vessel, wherein the sample component is a drug carrier, wherein the radical spherical crystallization product has a spherical shell with thorns projecting from said spherical shell, and wherein
 - (i) the flow rate of ethanol is ¼ of the flow rate of carbon dioxide,
- (ii) the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol is a poor solvent for the sample component, and
- (iii) a nozzle used to emit the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol, and the solution comprising the sample component is a v-shaped nozzle.
 - 14. (canceled).
 - 15. (canceled).
 - 16. (canceled).
- 17. (withdrawn): The method for manufacturing a radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 13, wherein the drug carrier is a sugar or sugar alcohol.
 - 18. (canceled).
 - 19. (canceled).

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20. (previously presented): A dry powder inhaler comprising the radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4 or claim 8, mixed with a pharmaceutical drug.

- 21. (previously presented): A dry powder inhaler comprising the radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4 or 8.
- 22. (previously presented): A mixture of the radial spherical crystallization product of claim 4 or 8 and a pharmaceutical drug.